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AUCTION PROCESS FOR G MOBILE SPECTRUM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some countries have refused to participate in the auction process of 3-G mobile spectrum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate an auction procedure where many more foreign mobile companies could participate in it; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) & (d) The detailed guidelines have been announced by the Government for auction and allotment of spectrum for 3-G Telecom Services on 01.08.08 and certain amendments on 11.09.08 which is inter-alia include auction process. As per these guidelines any person shall be eligible to participate in the auction:
 - (i) who holds a UAS/CMTS licence; or
 - (ii) (a) who previous experience of running 3G Telecom Services; and
 - (b) gives an undertaking to obtain Unified Access Services Licence (UASL) as per Department of Telecommunications guidelines dated 14.12.2005, before starting telecom operations, can bid for 3G spectrum.

As per these guidelines, the 3G spectrum would be allotted through a controlled, simultaneous ascending e-auction.